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DCI BRIEFING

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GHANA

- I. Recent changes in government and party positions increase President Nkrumah's personal control and strengthen the younger and more radical elements favorable to closer ties with the Communist bloc.
 - A. Nkrumah taking over secretary generalship of ruling party and modifying governmental structure to increase party's control.
 - B. President dissatisfied with increasing intra-party bickering and traditional official corruption. He is reported frustrated by his inability to make pan-African movement effective under his leadership as well as by slow pace of Ghana's development programs.
 - C. Cabinet reshuffle, particularly replacement Minister of Finance Gbedemah by leftwing sympathizer Goka, has weakened regime's "old guard" and may lead to a serious loss of confidence in Ghana government by private Western interests.
 1. Gbedemah's replacement may have repercussions on Volta River project which is now in final negotiation stage.

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